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Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report has been submitted pursuant to paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 54/260 of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), in which the Assembly noted the intention of the Secretary-General to submit to it during the second part of its resumed fifty-fourth session, a preliminary expenditure report for the Mission for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000.

2. It is recalled that the Security Council, in its resolution 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999, authorized the deployment to the Congo region of up to 90 United Nations military personnel, together with the necessary civilian, political, humanitarian and administrative staff. Subsequently, in its resolution 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999, the Council, *inter alia*, decided that the personnel it had previously authorized should constitute the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC). In paragraph 9 of that resolution, the Security Council requested the Secretary-General, with immediate effect, to take the administrative steps necessary for equipping up to 500 United Nations military observers, with a view to facilitating future rapid United Nations deployments as authorized by the Council.

3. On 24 February 2000, the Security Council, by its resolution 1291 (2000), extended the mandate of MONUC until 31 August 2000, and authorized its expansion to consist, *inter alia*, of up to 5,537 military personnel, including up to 500 military observers.

4. Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1291 (2000), the Secretary-General, in his report on the financing of MONUC, dated 23 March 2000 (A/54/808), set out the preliminary financial requirements of the Mission and requested the General Assembly to grant him commitment authority with assessment in the amount of $200 million, so that immediate steps could be taken to establish the support

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infrastructure for MONUC, to acquire the necessary additional equipment and supplies and to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements in anticipation of the early phased deployment in the country of the authorized strength of the Mission's military component, together with the additional civilian staff.

5. The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report dated 28 March 2000 (A/54/813), by its resolution 54/260, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for MONUC for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000 in an amount not exceeding $200 million gross ($199,760,000 net), inclusive of the amount of $41,011,200 gross ($40,771,200 net) previously authorized by the Advisory Committee. These amounts have been assessed on Member States.

6. In view of the situation on the ground at the time of the submission of the report on the financing of the Mission dated 23 March 2000 and the resulting tentative nature of the estimated requirements, the requested amount of $200 million gross was intended to cover initial resource requirements for MONUC for the period ending 30 June 2000, as well as for the first part of the subsequent 2000/01 financial period. To enable the General Assembly to take appropriate action on the distribution of resources between the 1999-2000 and 2000/01 financial periods, the Secretariat undertook to submit to the General Assembly during the second part of its resumed fifty-fourth session a preliminary expenditure report for the Mission covering the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000.

7. As indicated in column 3 of the annex to the present note, it is now estimated that the requirements for the Mission for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000 will amount to $58,681,000 gross ($58,441,000 net) and will cover the costs associated with the preliminary deployment of military and civilian personnel to the Congo region, the immediate initial requirements in connection with the establishment of MONUC, as well as resources for the acquisition of vehicles, communications and data-processing equipment required for equipping, pursuant to Security Council resolution 1279 (1999), of up to 500 United Nations military observers and 100 civilian support staff. Detailed financial performance information on the utilization of these resources will be submitted to the General Assembly during its fifty-fifth session.

8. On that basis, the amount of $141,319,000 gross ($140,827,100 net), representing the balance of the commitment authority of $200 million gross ($199,760,000 net) granted by the Assembly for the 1999-2000 period (see annex, column 4), will be carried over and used during the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001. It will cover the Mission's estimated initial requirements for the 2000-2001 period, pending the submission to the General Assembly during the main part of its fifty-fifth session, of a comprehensive report on the financing of the Mission, including full budget estimates and information on the utilization or resources until the time of the submission of the report, as requested by the Assembly in paragraph 16 of its resolution 54/260. In this connection, it is pertinent to note that, as at 15 May 2000, the Mission had already entered into advance commitments for the acquisition of various equipment in the amount of some $42.5 million.

Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session

9. In view of the foregoing, the action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of MONUC at this time are as follows:

(a) To reduce the commitment authority granted by the General Assembly for MONUC for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 54/260 from $200 million gross ($199,760,000 net) to $58,681,000 gross ($58,441,000 net);

(b) To approve the commitment authority in the amount of $141,319,000 gross ($140,827,100 net) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, pending submission of the financing report of MONUC requested by the Assembly in paragraph 16 of its resolution 54/260.

Annex

Estimated requirements for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000 and from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

Summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditures	*(1)* *Expenditures 6 August 1999 to 15 May 2000*	*(2)* *Estimated requirements 16 May to 30 June 2000*	*(3)=(1)+(2)* *Total 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000*	*(4)* *Estimated requirements 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001*	*(5)=(3)+(4)* *Commitment authority (Res. 54/260)*
I. Military personnel costs	3 177.6	2 267.1	5 444.7	1 911.5	7 356.2
1. Military observers		1 957.4	1 957.4	5 951.4	7 908.8
2. Military contingents					
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel		300.0	300.0	1 850.0	2 150.0
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	-	150.0	150.0	410.0	560.0
(b) Self-sustainment	-	-	-	40.0	40.0
(c) Death and disability compensation	-	**450.0**	**450.0**	**2 300.0**	**2 750.0**
Subtotal, line 3	-	**4 674.5**	**7 852.1**	**10 162.9**	**18 015.0**
Total, category I	**3 177.6**				
II. Civilian personnel costs					
1. Civilian police	2 740.4	1 391.8	4 132.2	2 919.4	7 051.6
2. International and local staff	-	-	-	-	-
3. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-	-
4. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-	-
5. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-	-
Total, category II	**2 740.4**	**1 391.8**	**4 132.2**	**2 919.4**	**7 051.6**
III. Operational costs					
1. Premises/accommodation	1 091.9	2 138.7	3 230.6	14 875.8	18 106.4
2. Infrastructure repairs	-	-	-	1 260.0	1 260.0
3. Transport operations	11 846.1	253.9	12 100.0	38 004.8	50 104.8
4. Air operations	2 108.1	3 935.8	6 043.9	13 377.0	19 420.9
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	13 580.6	89.5	13 670.1	28 849.8	42 519.9
7. Other equipment	5 790.1	1 244.9	7 035.0	16 912.5	23 947.5
8. Supplies and services	1 464.8	1 106.3	2 571.1	9 876.0	12 447.1
9. Air and surface freight					
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	1 000.0	1 000.0	2 803.9	3 803.9
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	336.2	463.8	800.0	1 780.0	2 580.0
Subtotal, line 9	**336.2**	**1 463.8**	**1 800.0**	**4 583.9**	**6 383.9**
Total, category III	**36 217.8**	**10 232.9**	**46 450.7**	**127 739.8**	**174 190.5**
IV. Other programmes					
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	3.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	11.0
3. Training programmes	-	-	-	-	-
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-	-	-	-	-
Total, category IV	**3.0**	**3.0**	**6.0**	**5.0**	**11.0**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	-	-	-
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	-	-	-	-	-
VII Staff assessment	**229.7**	**10.3**	**240.0**	**491.9**	**731.9**
Gross requirements, categories I - VII	**42 368.5**	**16 312.5**	**58 681.0**	**141 319.0**	**200 000.0**
VII Income from staff assessment	**(229.7)**	**(10.3)**	**(240.0)**	**(491.9)**	**(731.9)**
Net requirements, categories I - VIII	**42 138.8**	**16 302.2**	**58 441.0**	**140 827.1**	**199 268.1**
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	-	-	-	-	-
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES	**42 368.5**	**16 312.5**	**58 681.0**	**141 319.0**	**200 000.0**